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AMENDMENT AND STATEMENT OF INTERVIEW

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Message:

In reply to the action mailed 10/25/00, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE FILING RECEIPT:

Correct the filing receipt to add the name of the third inventor, Gary Hoffman.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 3, line 19, between "of a pipette." and "The cap/cover" cancel the sentence presented in the AMENDMENT filed 07/12/99 and substitute therefor the following revised